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## Bank.

**THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK  
CORPORATION, LIMITED.**  
(Incorporated in London on 18th July, 1884,  
under the Companies Acts 1862, to 1883.)  
**LONDON BANKERS:**  
UNION BANK OF LONDON, LD.  
BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.  
**RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE-  
POSITS.**  
At 3 months' notice 3% per annum.  
" 6 " 4% " " "  
" 12 " 5% " " "  
Current Accounts kept on Terms which  
may be learnt on application.  
**CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK  
CORPORATION PURCHASED.**  
H. A. HERBERT,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1536

## Intimations.

**NOTICE.**  
**ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION  
IN LIQUIDATION.**

**ALL HOLDERS OF NOTES OF THE  
ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION**  
(HONGKONG BRANCH), are hereby  
requested to present them to the LIQUID-  
ATORS of the Bank, when they will be given  
in Exchange, a certificate of the value of  
the Notes deposited.  
Holders of Notes will be required to  
Furnish to the Liquidators of the Bank, a  
schedule in duplicate, giving the date of  
Issue, Number and Amount of each Note  
produced.  
Forms of Schedule may be had on applica-  
tion at the OFFICE of the ORIENTAL BANK  
CORPORATION, Queen's Road, Hongkong.  
For the  
OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR  
OF THE  
ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,  
By his Attorneys,  
J. MELVILLE MATSON,  
H. HOWARD TAYLOR.  
Hongkong, August 2, 1884. 1285

## SINGAPORE INSURANCE COM- PANY, LIMITED.

Incorporated in the fifth day of February,  
1885, under "The Indian Companies  
Act, 1883," whereby the liability of  
Shareholders is limited to the  
amounts and paid up on  
their shares.  
CAPITAL—TWO MILLION DOLLARS  
IN 20,000 SHARES OF \$100 EACH;  
PAID-UP \$500,000 IN FULL.  
FURTHER CALLS NOT TO EXCEED \$20 PER SHARE  
NOT TO BE MADE PAYABLE AT LESS INTER-  
VALS THAN THREE MONTHS.  
Provisional Directors:  
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(Messrs. Bousfield & Co.), Singapore.  
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(Messrs. W. Mansfield & Co.), Singapore.  
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(Manager, Chartered Bank of India, Aus-  
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(Messrs. Wei Bin & Co.), Singapore.  
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(Messrs. Sun Hin & Co.), Singapore.  
JNO. F. CRAIG, Esq.,  
(Messrs. Style & Co.), Singapore.  
**Bankers:**  
Legal Advisers:  
Messrs. DONALDSON & BURKINSHAW.  
Temporary Offices:  
SINGAPORE EXCHANGE BUILD-  
INGS.  
Secretary, (Pro Tem.)  
ALEXANDER GENTILE, Esq.

## NOTICE.

**RULES OF THE HONGKONG  
SAVINGS' BANK.**

- 1.—The business of the Above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
  - 2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.
  - 3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.
  - 4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.
  - 5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.
  - 6.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
  - 7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Post by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any value.
  - 8.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
  - 9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book, which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
  - 10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fee by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
  - 11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.
  - 12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.
- For the  
**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION,**  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, April 26, 1884. 715

## SAVINGS' HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or  
PAPERS will be thankfully received  
at the Savings' Home, West Point  
Hongkong, July 25, 1873.

## For Sale.

### BEDSTEADS!

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Hongkong, February 19, 1885. 290

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### COTTON DUOS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BOOYS, CORK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 256

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### having taken over the NAGASAKI

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## To-day's Advertisements

FOR SALE.

THE FURNITURE of a well-furnished 4-roomed HOUSE. Callers and Apply quite Now. Must be Sold at once.

The OFFICE of this PAPER.

Hongkong, March 5, 1885. 390

**SHIPPING.**

ARRIVALS.

March 5, 1885.—

*Antion*, German steamer, 336, E. Aereboe, Pakiei March 1, and Huihow 3, General. —WIELER & Co.

*Dauwe*, British steamer, 561, Joseph Newton, Bangkok February 23, Rice and General. —YATES & HONG.

*Emeralda*, British steamer, 305, G. Taylor, Manila March 2, General. —RUSSELL & Co.

*Onychus*, British steamer, 1,729, W. S. Thompson, Nagasaki February 28, Coal and General. —ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.

*Audacious*, British iron-frigate, for a cruise.

*Wolcome*, British steamer, 1,323, W. R. Corfield, Saigon February 27, Rice and General. —CHINESE.

*Euripides*, British steamer, 1,153, J. Herdy, Kitchintetu February 27, Coal. —ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

*Ela*, German steamer, 552, Ch. Kuscherl, Haiphong March 2, General. —A. R. MARLEY.

DEPARTURES.

March 5.—

*Helene*, for Chiofo.

*Piccola*, for Chiofo.

*Mount Lebanon*, for Saigon.

*Celebes*, for Saigon.

*Haiphong*, for Swatow.

CLEARED.

*Alicia*, for Hoihow.

*Holton*, for Vi tocia, (V.I.)

*Namur*, for Cebu.

*Melita*, for Chiofo.

*Fidilio*, for Whampoa.

*Anton*, for Hoihow.

*Jessie Osborne*, for Akyah.

*Cleagmore*, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Anton*, from Bangkok, &c., 27 Chinese.

Per *Dauwe*, from Pakiei, 2 Chinese.

Per *Emeralda*, from Manila, Mr. J. A. Blaker and 10 Europeans, and 116 Chinese.

Per *Wolcome*, from Saigon, Mrs Corfield and family, and 12 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Dallapongon*, for Poncy, Messrs A. Prach and H. Taber.

Per *Taiwan*, for Port Darwin, Mr. J. McCarthy, for Townsville, Mr. J. H. L. Warner, for Brisbane, Mr. J. A. Blaker, for Melbourne, Mr. A. Brown.

Per *Fidilio*, for Chiofo, 1 European.

Per *Haiphong*, for Swatow, 2 Europeans and 100 Chinese.

Per *Celebes*, for Saigon, 11 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per *Techera*, for Yokohama, from Hong Kong, Messrs McQueen and W. McQueen, Mr. and Mrs. Chiofo, from London, Cap. Ailer, Mr. S. Bihary, from Venice, Mr. C. Bathelet, from Colombo, Mr. Coldecast native agents and Capt Horle, from Penang.

**Not Responsible for Debts.**

*either the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour—*

*ÆOLIA, British steamer, Capt. Thomas Sourabaya—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.*

*ANNA SEEBEN, German barque, Capt. H. Paulsen—Wiesler & Co.*

*DANCE, British steamer, Captain J. Newton—Yuen Fat Hong.*

*GUODELL, American barque, Capt. Wm. R. Hagan—Adamson, Ball & Co.*

*JESSIE OSORNI, British ship, Captain J. Wilson—Carlowitz & Co.*

*MELBEKE, British barque, Captain Lighbody—Molchem & Co.*

*NALLIE M. SEARS, American schooner, Capt. D. Gould—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.*

*PROSPERITY, British steamer, Captain G. Heasley—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.*

*REFUGING, American ship, Capt. Holmes—Russell & Co.*

*SAMAR, American ship, Capt. Oliver O. Jones—Adamson, Ball & Co.*

*TSINGHOGUA, British ship, Captain A. Gunn—Douglas Lauprak & Co.*

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**MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.**

**Shipping.**

Daylight.—*Yorkshire* leaves for Shanghai.

Daylight.—*Harter* leaves for Singapore.

Daylight.—*Tcheran* leaves for Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.

4 p.m.—*Stintor* leaves for London.

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**General Memoranda.**

**SATURDAY, March 7.—**

Noon.—Tenders for Army Contracts received at Commissariat Office.

2 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Ware, &c., at Mr J. M. Armstrong's.

**TRUESDAY, March 12.—**

Claims against the *Yorkshire* must be sent in to Messrs Russell & Co., on or before this date.

Goods per *Clewing* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

**FRIDAY, March 13.—**

Claims against the *Mosser* must be sent in to Messrs Russell & Co., on or before this date.

**WEDNESDAY, March 18.—**

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the General Agents' office.

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the General Agents' office.

4 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd., at the Hongkong Hotel.

**TUESDAY, March 31.—**

Statement of Business with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., to be sent in before this date.

List of Contributions to the Canton Inn Office, Ltd., to be sent in before this date.

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**THE**

**HONGKONG DISPENSARY**

*Established A.D. 1841.*

mber 1882. But the mercantile cor-  
 respondent in Shanghai was evidently  
 not aware that several European firms  
 here early in 1883 made a strong col-  
 lective representation of the burden which  
 that new impost placed upon the trade  
 in the oil. This joint letter was for-  
 forwarded through the Colonial Secretary  
 after to H. B. M. Consul at Canton, and  
 hereafter decided action was taken. Un-  
 satisfactory reply was given by the guardian of  
 English interests in the provincial capi-  
 tal. This is, perhaps, not to be wondered  
 at, when one considers the policy now  
 adopted of tacitly granting to Chinese  
 officials rights which were never in con-  
 templation when the existing Treaties  
 were concluded. The remonstrance, at  
 all events, had no effect save that of  
 confirming the impression already deeply  
 rooted in the mind of European na-  
 tionals that about as little redress need  
 be looked for from Chinese officials as  
 from European officials. There was, however,  
 one other indirect result of the  
 remonstrance which may be noted—  
 viz., that about two months ago, a fur-  
 ther addition to the lekin was placed  
 upon kerosene. Or, to put the matter  
 more euphonically, the old duty of 40  
 cents per case was abolished, and a  
 duty of *seventy cents per case* took  
 its place! This probably was the real  
 'breach of Treaty' which the Shanghai  
 'Merchant' intended to denounce, be-  
 cause, taken together with the original  
 5 per cent *ad valorem* duty, the tax on  
 kerosene will now amount to between  
 thirty and forty per cent. of its value.  
 Of course, the excuse that this is purely  
 a war-tax (lekin) is put forward by the  
 Chinese; and, under present circum-  
 stances, the money is doubtless needed  
 for defending the Empire from the lively  
 'reprisals' of the French. But, on the  
 other hand, the system of monopolies by  
 which taxes such as these are farmed  
 out deprives the Government of half the  
 benefit, while the trade is hampered far  
 more than even such a heavy taxation  
 fairly collected would justify. The farm-  
 ing of the tax on kerosene is now sold  
 for the sum of \$140,000 per annum, as  
 against \$300,000 for the duty on opium,  
 purchased in 1893, and this will give  
 some notion of the increase in the im-  
 post upon this one article of import. It  
 well illustrates the elasticity of the trade,  
 as well as the marked preference  
 shown for the new oil, as  
 against the native article, that the  
 importation appears to have suffered no  
 material decrease. The large increase  
 which would certainly have been shown  
 under more reasonable system of taxation  
 can easily be imagined. Until native offi-  
 cials, however, are enabled to see over  
 their own open pockets, any far-sighted  
 or sensible policy of fiscal management  
 cannot be looked for.

The monopolies under which this war  
 tax is farmed are three in number—viz.,  
 the Kerosene Farm, the Piece Goods  
 Farm, and the Metal Trade Farm. Of  
 the first we have already spoken. The  
 Piece Goods Monopoly pays annually  
 \$300,000 for the privilege of collecting  
 the impost on this class of imports.  
 Here are a few of the items under this  
 heading:—Cotton, per piece, 10 cents;  
 Camlets (worsted), 40 cents; Woollen

comprising:—		
BANGA, IMARY, KIOTO, TOKIO and SAKAI SUGA, YAKUS, JARU, BONJIS, PLATES, L CENSU, EYKINERS, TEA, and COFFEE ST EXAMELARI WARE, GOLD and SILVER INLA DEUNZES, EMBROIDERIES, EMBROIDERS SCREENS, NITCHIKI.	&c.,	&c.
TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.		
J. M. ARMSTRONG, <i>Auctioneer.</i>		
Hongkong, March 5, 1886.		

Per *Athena*, for Hoihow, 12 Chinese.  
 Per *Malacca*, for Victoria, (Y. I.), 1 European.  
 Per *Samar*, for Cebu, 3 Europeans.  
 Per *Aston*, for Hoihow, 20 Chinese.

**SHIPPING REPORTS.**  
 The British steamer *Esmeralda* reports:  
 Left Manila on Monday night, at 10 p.m.; experienced moderate N.E. wind and light sea; arrived Hongkong on the 6th at 8 a.m.  
 The British steamer *Dedwede* reports:  
 Left port at 10 p.m., on 23rd ult.; high sea throughout the passage.  
 The British steamer *Welcome* reports:  
 From Cape St. James to Paracels, had strong S.W. wind, heavy head sea and strong S.W. current; thence to port fine clear weather.

**POST OFFICE NOTICES.**  
**MAILS will close:—**  
 For SHANGHAI.  
 Per *Yukishire*, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday the 6th inst., instead of as previously notified.  
 Per *Glenlyon*, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday the 7th inst.  
 For AMOY AND MANILA.  
 Per *Esmeralda*, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday the 7th inst.

**MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—**  
 The French Contract Packet *Napoleon* will be despatched on TUESDAY the 10th March, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, via Naples; to Saigon, Siam, Hongkong, and other ports in the East.

香港大藥房

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A. S. WATSON & Co.,  
FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMIST,  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS  
IMPORTERS  
OF  
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, NURSERY RE-  
QUISITES, TOILET REQUISITES, ENGLISH,  
AMERICAN, AND FRENCH PATENT  
MEDICINES.  
MANUFACTURERS  
OF  
Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water,  
Gingerade, Potass Water, Sarsaparilla  
Water, and other Aerated Waters.  
The Manufactory is under direct  
continuous European Supervision.  
HONGKONG, June 1, 1876.

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PASSENGERS arriving in Hongkong, or at  
other persons who they desire, to con-  
sult the files of local, China, Japan, and  
American, English, Indian or Austri-  
an newspapers, are invited to call at  
the "CHINA MAIL" Office, where of  
sixty newspapers, dailies and weeklies  
from these countries, are now filed  
reference.

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SUN AND TIDE TABLE FOR  
HONGKONG.

Cloths, 40 cents; Velvet, 20 cents; Handkerchiefs, per dozen, 6 cents; Blankets, per pair, 20 cents. The monopolists of the Metal Trade pay an annual sum of Thale 18,000 for their farm, and the duties (which are payable in broken silver) include these items:—The Plate, per parcel, 2 mace; Bar Iron, per cwt, 3 sandarene; Old Iron, per parcel, 5 cand; New Wire, 1 mace 5 cand; Old Wire, 3 cand; New Yellow Metal, 6 mace; Old do., 3 mace; Yellow Metal wire, 7 mace; Copper Wire, per parcel, 7 mace; Steel, per tab of 1 cwt, 3 mace. We are informed that the Farmers keep their stuff in the Custom House, where all goods subject to this new impost are duly noted, the dues being collected at convenience. The above may, in some details, be subject to correction; but the leading features may give those concerned some idea of the extra burdens now being borne by the Import Trades which now enters the Southern Provinces.

The apparent attempt on the part of Russia to beset the English Government in connection with the Afghan Boundary Commission seems at last to have aroused English feeling, and to have compelled even the Gladstone Administration to take action. That the British Government has advised the Afghans to resist any further advance of the Russian troops, looks serious enough at first sight. But if we can accept the

ST. REPORT.		Closing Quotations,	
Balance of year		Cash.	
51,443	{	118 % prem. ex. div. = 127 %	
		prem. cum div. buyers	
540,107	Tls.	280 per share	
496,320	Tls.	123 " buyers	
167,881	"	" cash	
469,560	"	"	
debit balance	"	107 1/2 " buyers	
35,165.99	"	"	
297,508.07	"	" ex. div.	
191,000.99	"	" cash	
34,638	\$28	prem. ex. div., sellers	
...	30 %	discount	
...	30 discount	do.	
6,683.06	47	per cent., ex div.	
...	\$100	per share	
...	Old	\$120 per share	
...	New	\$ 60 " "	
6,629.70	\$100	" cash	
643.83	\$135	" ex. dividend	
8,624.28	\$110	" ex. div., buyers	
4,090.65	\$50	" buyers	
...	\$40	" nominal	
First year	\$20	"	
do.	\$08	" cash, buyers	
do.			
Payable.			
June 30 Dec. 31			
Oct. 31 Dec. 31			
April & October			
June & Dec. 10			
June & Dec. 10	1 %	prem.	

India (via Madras), the Australasia Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.**

The United States Mail Packet *Ocean* will be despatched on FRIDAY, 13th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, and Hong-Kong, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 P.M. Registry ceases.

2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with *Late Fee* of 10 cents *extra* Postage until the time of departure.

NOTICE OF CLOSING

**THE FRENCH MAIL**

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by the French Country Packet:—

*Day before departure for Saturday if the departure be on Monday.*

5 P.M.—Money Order Office closes.

Post Office closes, except

Night Box, which is always open out of Office hours.

*Day of departure.*

A.M.—Post Office opens.

10 A.M.—Registry of Letters ceases.

Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 A.M.—Mails closed, except for Letters.

11.10 A.M.—Letters may be posted with *Late Fee* of 10 cents until

11.30 A.M.—When the Post Office closes entirely.

11.40 A.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with *Late Fee* of 10 cents until time of departure.

(From The Hongkong Almanack.)					
FEBRUARY.					
HIGH WATER.			SUN.		
Day of Month.	Morn.	Aft.	Rises.	Set.	
	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	
6	—	0.20	0.18	6.5	
7	0.33	0.52	0.17	6.5	
8	1.26	1.32	0.17	6.5	
9	4.3	2.24	0.16	6.5	
10	6.34	3.48	0.15	6.6	
11	7.32	5.10	0.14	6.6	

High water at Whampoa: 2 hrs. minus, later than at Hongkong; at Barrier: 3 hrs. 15 mins.; at the Flats: 3 hrs. 30 mins.; at Sham Shui Po: 3 hrs. 45 mins.

The publications of this issue commenced at 7.30 p.m.

## The China Star.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1888.

A LETTER signed by 'A Merchant' appeared in the *N.-China Daily News* about a month ago, denouncing a break of treaty involving the increase of the lekin duty upon heresies of imported into Canton. There were some inaccuracies in that letter, but they may now be corrected; but the spirit which 'A Merchant' made out against the Chinese action at Canton was equally mild; than it might have been. The additional lekin duty of which mention was made, which raised the tax on heresies to about sixty cents per case, was admittedly imposed as far back as September 1887.

leading Indian journals as authorities on such matters, such a step as that announced in to-day's telegram is calculated to check Russia, and no more. The fatal tendency developed in the late Russian Government to ignore the advance of Russia in Central Asia has so emboldened the Muscovite that he has premised upon the good-nature of the English Cabinet. Now that the eyes of the real rulers of Southern and Central Asia are opened, it is believed that Russia will, for a time at least, let well alone. Now that the Boundary Commission has proved to be the failure it was feared it would be, what must follow is, in the opinion of competent authorities, a complete and thorough defence of Herat against all comers. That once successfully accomplished, the claims of Russia upon Afghanistan, or upon any territory adjoining our Indian possessions, can be settled with more leisure than at present. If *Lord Granville* can only be induced to settle the boundary independently of Russia, it would save much subsequent trouble to Russia in order to her claims to be the real ruler of Central Asia has been loud and open to a degree; and, although the stand now made by England may seem ill-timed in view of the political complications which threaten on every hand, the fact that a long-suffering Liberal Administration has finally determined to act may have a wholesome effect. *Lord Dufferin* is doubtless the right man for India at present; and the condition of Burmah and of Afghanistan will call forth the administrative and diplomatic power which he undoubtedly possesses.







## Mails.

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOTS POSTES FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
COLOMBO, SUEZ, ADEN,  
PORT SAID,  
MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK  
SEA PORTS,  
NAPLES, MARSEILLE, AND PORTS  
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;  
BORDEAUX, LE HAVRE, DUNKIRK,  
LONDON AND ANTWERP.

ON TUESDAY, the 10th March, 1885, at Noon, the Company's S.S. *SACHALLEN*, Commandant HOMERY, with MAELS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 23rd February, 1885. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, February 26, 1885. 334

## Occidental &amp; Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS  
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED  
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND  
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,  
AND  
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING  
STEAMERS.

THE Steamship *OCEANIC* will be  
despatched for San Francisco, via  
Yokohama, on FRIDAY, the 13th Instant,  
at 3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama,  
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan  
ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to  
address in full; and same will be received  
at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the  
day previous to sailing.

Passengers—Passengers, who  
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San  
Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa)  
within six months, will be allowed a discount  
of 20% on Return Fare; if re-embarking  
within one year, an allowance of 10% will  
be made on Return Fare. Pro-Paid Re-  
turn Passage Orders, available for one year,  
will be issued at a Discount of 25% on  
Return Fare. These allowances do not apply  
to through fares from China and Japan to  
Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo  
destined to ports beyond San Francisco,  
should be sent to the Company's Office  
addressed to the Collector of Customs, San  
Francisco.

For further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 304, Queen's Road Central,  
HONGKONG.

F. E. FOSTER,  
Agent.

Hongkong, March 3, 1885. 372

## INSURANCES.

## NOTICE.

## QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept  
Risks on First Class Goods at a  
per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881. 938

## NORTH BRITISH &amp; MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS of the above  
Company, are authorized to insure  
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

## LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein,  
on Goods on board Vessels, and on Halls  
of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be  
received, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or for any other information, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 1, 1887. 100

## THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
AGENTS for the above Company are  
prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE  
RISKS to all parts of the World, at current  
rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 855

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF  
His Majesty King George The First,  
A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either  
here, in London, or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 26, 1872. 496

## Hongkong Rates of Postage.

In the following Statements and Tables  
the Rates are given in cents, and are, for  
Letters per half ounce, for Books and  
Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight  
are charged as double, triple, &c., as the  
case may be, but such papers or packets of  
papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two  
Newspapers must not be folded together as  
one, nor must anything whatever be inserted  
except bona fide Supplements. Printed  
matter may, however, be enclosed, if the  
whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Cur-  
rent may be paid either as Newspapers or  
Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers  
as, though written by hand, do not bear the  
character of an actual or personal corre-  
spondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied  
music, &c. The charge on them is the same  
as for books, but, whatever the weight of  
a packet containing any partially written  
paper, it will not be charged less than 5  
cents.

The sender of any Registered Article  
may accompany it with a Return Receipt  
on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.  
The limit of weight for Books and Com-  
mercial Papers, to Foreign Post Offices is  
4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited  
to 8 ounces, and must not exceed those  
dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2  
inches.

## Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise  
Europe, all foreign possessions in Asia,  
Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, all  
S. America, Mexico, Salvador, Brazil,  
Peru, Chile, Venezuela, the Argentine  
Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana,  
Honduras, Bermuda, Laiman, Hawaii, with  
all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portu-  
guese and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union are the Aus-  
tralian Group, and S. Africa.

## Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route—  
Letters, 10 cents per ½ oz.  
Post Cards, 3 cents each.  
Registration, 10 cents.  
Newspapers, 2 cents each.  
Books, Patterns, &c. 2 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected corre-  
spondence within the Postal Union.

## Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and  
Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Re-  
gistration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and  
Patterns, 2; Via Ceylon, Letters, 20; Re-  
gistration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and  
Patterns, 2.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, Ascen-  
sion, Bolivia, Letters, 25; Registration,  
10; Newspapers, 5; Books and Patterns, 5.

## LOCAL POSTAGE.

General Local Rates  
(for Hongkong, Canton, Macao, and  
Shanghai, and the Philippines,  
and the Straits Settlements)

Letters, 10 cents per ½ oz.  
Post Cards, 3 cents each.  
Registration, 10 cents.  
Newspapers, 2 cents each.  
Books, Patterns, &c. 2 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected corre-  
spondence within the Postal Union.

## Chair, Jinricksha, and Boat Hire.

UNLADEN TARIFF OF FARES FOR CHAIRS,  
CHAIR BEARERS, AND BOATS,  
IN THE COMPANY OF HONGKONG.

Half hour, ... 10 cts. One hour, ... 20 cts.  
Three hours, ... 50 cts. Six hours, ... 70 cts.  
Day (from 6 to 5), One Dollar.

## TO VICTORIA RETURN.

Single Trip. Return Direct.  
Four Coaches, \$1.40 Four Coaches, \$1.50  
Three Coaches, 0.85 Three Coaches, 1.20  
Two Coaches, 0.70 Two Coaches, 1.00

## TO VICTORIA RETURN.

By Pak-fu-lam. By Aberdeen, Shortest  
Land.  
Four Coaches, \$2.00 Four Coaches, \$2.60  
Three Coaches, 1.60 Three Coaches, 2.00  
Two Coaches, 1.30 Two Coaches, 1.60

## TO VICTORIA RETURN.

By Wai-sai Gap.  
Four Coaches, ... \$1.75  
Three Coaches, ... 1.40  
Two Coaches, ... 1.20

## TO VICTORIA RETURN.

By Pak-fu-lam. By Aberdeen, Shortest  
Land.  
Four Coaches, \$1.50 Four Coaches, \$2.00  
Three Coaches, 1.20 Three Coaches, 1.60  
Two Coaches, 0.90 Two Coaches, 1.20

TO THE PEAK CHURCH, AND H. USES IN  
VICINITY OF MOUNT KELLET AND  
30 ST. GEORGE.

Single Trip. Return Direct.  
Four Coaches, 50 cts. Four Coaches, \$1.00  
Three Coaches, 30 cts. Three Coaches, 0.85  
Two Coaches, 20 cts. Two Coaches, 0.70

Returning by other routes will be the  
same as from Gap.

The Return Fare embraces a trip of not  
more than three hours except returning by  
Aberdeen when three hours and a half will  
be allowed.

For every hour or part of an hour above  
three or three and a half, each Coach will  
be entitled to an additional payment of five  
cents.

Nothing in above scale prevents private  
agreements.

## Licence of Process.

One Hour, ... 10 cts.  
Half day, ... 25 cts.  
Day, ... 50 cts.

Quarter Hour, 50 cts. One Hour, 15 cts.  
Half Hour, 10 cts. Two Hours, 25 cts.

For every hour or part of an hour 10 cents.  
over two hours, or over any hour, 10 cents.

To Pak-fu-lam or Quarry Bay, ... 20 cts.

Return, ... 35 cts.

To Shaukiwan, ... 35 cts.

Return, ... 35 cts.

To Aberdeen, ... 35 cts.

Return, ... 35 cts.

If an extra Coach is employed, the fare  
will be double.

Nothing in this scale prevents private  
agreements.

## BOAT AND DOCK HIRE.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900  
pica, per Day, ... \$3.00

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900  
pica, per Load, ... 2.00

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600  
pica, per Day, ... 2.50

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600  
pica, per Load, ... 1.75

3rd Class Cargo Boat or Harkon Boat of  
250 pica, per Day, ... 1.50

3rd Class Cargo Boat or Harkon Boat of  
300 pica, per Load, ... 1.00

3rd Class Cargo Boat or Harkon Boat of  
350 pica, Half Day, ... 50 cts.

## Sampans.

or Pullaway Boats, per Day, ... \$1.00

Half an Hour, ... 20 cts.

After 6 p.m., ... 10 cents extra.

Nothing in this Scale prevents private  
agreements.

## STREET COOLIES.

Scale of Hire for Street Coolies.

One Day, ... 33 cents.

Half Day, ... 20 cts.

Three Hours, ... 12 cts.

One Hour, ... 5 cts.

Half Hour, ... 3 cts.

Nothing in the above scale to affect  
private agreements.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at  
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloon shore k., and those in the l.c. of the  
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.  
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.  
2. From Gas Works to the P. and O. Co.'s Factory.  
3. From P. and O. Co.'s Factory to the Harbour Master's Office.  
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section.  
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.  
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.  
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.  
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name. Captain. Tonnage. Date of Arrival. Agent or Agents. Destination. Remarks.

Steamers.

Regina 3 h. Thomas Brit. str. 750 Feb. 26 Arnhold, Kurburg & Co. Heliow

Antio 5 e. Maas Ger. str. 400 Mar. 1 A. L. Marty Heliow

Caribbrooke 5 e. Maas Ger. str. 396 Mar. 5 W. J. & Co. Heliow

Chenoweth 5 e. Maas Ger. str. 973 Mar. 2 W. J. & Co. Heliow

Danba 3 e. Maas Ger. str. 1697 Mar. 2 W. J. & Co. Heliow

Dora Fully 7 e. Young Brit. str. 641 Mar. 5 Yuen Fat Hong Swatow

Estrella 5 e. Young Brit. str. 1209 Feb. 26 Arnhold, Kurburg & Co. Bangkok

Fane 5 e. Young Brit. str. 395 Mar. 5 Arnhold, Kurburg & Co. Amoy and Manila

Filio 5 e. Young Brit. str. 182 Oct. 3 Remedios & Co. Amoy, &c.

Fokien 5 e. Young Brit. str. 117 Feb. 25 W. J. & Co. Heliow

Francisco Reyes 5 h. Westoby Brit. str. 569 Mar. 4 Douglas Steamship Co. Swatow

Harper 5 e. Young Brit. str. 500 Feb. 15 Remedios & Co. Swatow

Ingabran 5 e. Young Brit. str. 1411 Mar. 4 Jardine, Matheson & Co. Shanghai

John Knox 5 e. Young Brit. str. 1196 Feb. 27 Russell & Co. Saigon

Malta 5 e. Young Brit. str. 1350 Mar. 3 W. B. M. S. S. Co. Nagasaki

Mongkut 5 e. Young Brit. str. 339 Feb. 15 W. J. & Co. Heliow

Namoa 5 e. Young Brit. str. 859 Mar. 4 Yuen Fat Hong Swatow & Bangkok

Oceanic 5 e. Young Brit. str. 1323 Mar. 4 Yuen Fat Hong Yokohama & Higo

Oppeck 5 e. Young Brit. str. 862 Feb. 21 Douglas Steamship Co. Swatow, &c.

Pai-ho 5 e. Young Brit. str. 4036 Feb. 15 Arnhold, Kurburg & Co. San Francisco

Panbakhshir 5 e. Young Brit. str. 2036 Feb. 26 Messageries Maritimes Swatow

Propyris 5 e. Young Brit. str. 1716 Mar. 2 Adamson, Bell & Co. Swatow

Saghalien 5 e. Young Brit. str. 1011 Mar. 1 Yuen Fat Hong Swatow

Sardonyx 5 e. Young Brit. str. 1387 Mar. 1 Yuen Fat Hong Swatow

Sea Gull 5 e. Young Brit. str. 498 Feb. 15 Messageries Maritimes Swatow

Shun-on 5 e. Young Brit. str. 48 Feb. 15 Messageries Maritimes Swatow

Tahiti 5 e. Young Brit. str. 136 Jan. 18 Chinese Whampoa

Tahiti 5 e. Young Brit. str. 1406 Mar. 4 P. & O. S. N. Co. Bombay, &c.

Tahiti 5 e. Young Brit. str. 1070 Mar. 4 P. & O. S. N. Co. Yokohama

Will of the Wind 5 e. Young Brit. str. 116 Feb. 25 Messageries Maritimes Hongkong

Yokohama 5 e. Young Brit. str. 1458 Mar. 3 Russell & Co. Shanghai

Alben Bessie 3 k. O'Brien Amer. bge. 812 Dec. 9 Melchers & Co. Victoria, B.C.

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